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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A SERVICE  
PROVIDER TO CONTROL EXPOSURE TO  
NON-PAYMENT BY A SERVICE  
CONSUMER

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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